

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 22-28 with the following amended paragraph:

Furthermore, with a plurality of the zif opening 204 on the socket 202, substantially zero force is ~~inserted~~ asserted on the pins 104 as the pins 104 are inserted into such zif openings on the socket 202. The forking leads ~~214~~ 212 within the zif opening 204 assert force substantially just on the pins 104 for coupling the pins to the contact pads 108 on the circuit board 110. Thus, the body of the IC device 106 is not clamped to the socket 202, and substantially zero force is applied on the body of the IC device 106 to preserve the integrity of the IC device 106.